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Sincerely,

Robert J. Schneider

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FOR: A MOTOR-DRIVEN STAPLER HAVING
A DRIVER AND CLINCHER UNIT THAT
VERTICALLY RECIPROCATE

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GROUP ART UNIT: 3721

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the Office Action mailed on March 16, 2006,
wherein the Examiner:

1. Objected to the drawings, title of the invention, and abstract.
2. Objected to Claims 1 and 4 for informalities.
3. Rejected Claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Yoshie, U.S.
Pat. No. 6,164,513.

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4. Rejected Claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Holgersson, U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2003/0066858.

5. Objected to Claims 2, 4 and 5 as dependent on a rejected base claim, but found them to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Clean Version of Replacement Abstract is enclosed at the end of this paper.